

## Poverty

- In Kentucky, 15.8% of persons are in poverty, 30.0% of persons in the EKCEP WIA are in poverty. Poverty for families is slightly less than for persons, 12.7% and 26.0% respectively (Kentucky, EKCEP). Poverty rates are higher in EKCEP than in Kentucky for all types of family and work experience.
- Married-couple families are less likely to be in poverty than other families, 20.7% vs. 45.6%, in EKCEP. Approximately one-fifth of families are not comprised of married-couples. For other families where the householder worked full-time, the poverty rate is lower, 9.7% for male householders and 14.3% for female householders.
- The first chart on the next page shows the percentage of people below poverty by family type and work experience. It's of no surprise that very few married-couple families with both the householder and spouse working full-time, year-round are in poverty, 0.3% in Kentucky.
- In EKCEP, 27.9% of persons aged 18-64 were in poverty in 1999 (Census 2000). For children (under 18 years of age), the poverty rate was 38.8% and for those over the age of 65, 22.8% were in poverty.

Poverty status in 1999 by family type and work experience of householder

	Kentucky				EKCEP WIA			
	Total	Above Poverty	Below Poverty	% Below Poverty	Total	Above Poverty	Below Poverty	% Below Poverty
Total families:	1,110,426	969,907	140,519	12.7%	139,104	102,905	36,199	26.0%
Married-couple family:	870,930	801,655	69,275	8.0%	109,529	86,807	22,722	20.7%
Householder worked full-time, year-round in 1999:	497,284	487,092	10,192	2.0%	43,187	40,992	2,195	5.1%
Spouse worked full-time, year-round in 1999	221,746	221,036	710	0.3%	15,246	15,107	139	0.9%
Spouse worked less than full-time, year-round in 1999	154,810	152,666	2,144	1.4%	11,465	11,146	319	2.8%
Spouse did not work in 1999	120,728	113,390	7,338	6.1%	16,476	14,739	1,737	10.5%
Householder worked less than full-time, year-round in 1999:	167,314	149,004	18,310	10.9%	22,289	17,534	4,755	21.3%
Spouse worked full-time, year-round in 1999	49,397	48,526	871	1.8%	4,908	4,733	175	3.6%
Spouse worked less than full-time, year-round in 1999	61,761	55,226	6,535	10.6%	7,650	6,315	1,335	17.5%
Spouse did not work in 1999	56,156	45,252	10,904	19.4%	9,731	6,486	3,245	33.3%
Householder did not work in 1999:	206,332	165,559	40,773	19.8%	44,053	28,281	15,772	35.8%
Spouse worked full-time, year-round in 1999	33,054	31,062	1,992	6.0%	6,264	5,601	663	10.6%
Spouse worked less than full-time, year-round in 1999	33,182	26,677	6,505	19.6%	6,807	4,728	2,079	30.5%
Spouse did not work in 1999	140,096	107,820	32,276	23.0%	30,982	17,952	13,030	42.1%
Other family:	239,496	168,252	71,244	29.7%	29,575	16,098	13,477	45.6%
Male householder, no wife present:	56,411	45,824	10,587	18.8%	7,115	4,694	2,421	34.0%
Householder worked full-time, year-round in 1999	28,563	27,097	1,466	5.1%	2,134	1,927	207	9.7%
Householder worked less than full-time, year-round in 1999	13,137	9,767	3,370	25.7%	1,369	893	476	34.8%
Householder did not work in 1999	14,711	8,960	5,751	39.1%	3,612	1,874	1,738	48.1%
Female householder, no husband present:	183,085	122,428	60,657	33.1%	22,460	11,404	11,056	49.2%
Householder worked full-time, year-round in 1999	68,199	61,709	6,490	9.5%	4,578	3,923	655	14.3%
Householder worked less than full-time, year-round in 1999	53,433	28,541	24,892	46.6%	4,827	2,076	2,751	57.0%
Householder did not work in 1999	61,453	32,178	29,275	47.6%	13,055	5,405	7,650	58.6%

Poverty status in 1999 by age

	Kentucky				EKCEP WIA			
	Total	Above Poverty	Below Poverty	% Below Poverty	Total	Above Poverty	Below Poverty	% Below Poverty
All Persons:	3,927,047	3,305,951	621,096	15.8%	471,636	330,069	141,567	30.0%
Under 5 years	261,914	201,590	60,324	23.0%	29,319	17,168	12,151	41.4%
5 years	52,707	41,160	11,547	21.9%	6,048	3,532	2,516	41.6%
6 to 11 years	332,125	261,850	70,275	21.2%	39,796	24,097	15,699	39.4%
12 to 17 years	331,489	270,088	61,401	18.5%	42,226	27,030	15,196	36.0%
18 to 64 years	2,472,272	2,122,200	350,072	14.2%	297,841	214,687	83,154	27.9%
65 to 74 years	271,101	237,961	33,140	12.2%	32,610	25,488	7,122	21.8%
75 years and over	205,439	171,102	34,337	16.7%	23,796	18,067	5,729	24.1%

Source: Census 2000 (SF 3, PCT60 and P87)